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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

[Docket No. USCG-2015-0065]

Drawbridge Operation Regulations;
Harlem River, New York City, NY

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of deviation from drawbridge regulation.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard has issued a temporary deviation from the operating schedule that governs the operation of the Metro-North (Park Avenue) Bridge across the Harlem River, mile 2.1, at New York City, New York. This deviation is necessary to allow the bridge owner to perform electrical repairs at the bridge. This deviation allows the bridge to remain closed from March 13, 2015 through May 21, 2015.

DATES: This deviation is effective from March 13, 2015 through May 21, 2015.

ADDRESSES: The docket for this deviation, [USCG-2015-0065] is available at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Type the docket number in the "SEARCH" box and click "SEARCH."

Click on Open Docket Folder on the line associated with this deviation. You may also visit the Docket Management Facility in Room W12-140, on the ground floor of the Department of Transportation West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC, 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this temporary deviation, call or e-mail Mr. Joe M. Arca, Project Officer, First Coast Guard District, telephone (212)514-4336, joe.m.arca@uscg.mil. If you have questions on viewing the docket, call Cheryl Collins, Program Manager, Docket Operations, telephone (202)366-9826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Metro-North (Park Avenue) Bridge across the Harlem River, mile 2.1, at New York City, New York, has a vertical clearance in the closed position of 25 feet at mean high water and 30 feet at mean low water. The existing bridge operating regulations are found at 33 CFR 117.789(c).

The waterway is transited by commercial vessels.

The bridge owner, Metro-North, requested a temporary deviation from the normal operating schedule to facilitate electrical repairs as a result of damage incurred from Hurricane Sandy.

Under this temporary deviation, the Metro-North (Park Avenue) Bridge may remain in the closed position from March 13, 2015 through May 21, 2015.

The habitual users can transit under the bridge without requesting bridge openings due to the high vertical clearance under the bridge.

There are no alternate routes for vessel traffic; however, vessels that can pass under the closed draw during this closure may do so at all times. The bridge may not be opened in the event of an emergency.

The Coast Guard will inform the users of the waterways through our Local and Broadcast Notice to Mariners of the change in operating schedule for the bridge so that vessels can arrange their transits to minimize any impact caused by the temporary deviation.

In accordance with 33 CFR 117.35(e), the drawbridge must return to its regular operating schedule immediately at the end of the effective period of this temporary deviation. This deviation from the operating regulations is authorized under 33 CFR 117.35.

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